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EXPEDITION TO BRING "FOREST BROTHERS" TO SWEDEN (1946)

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"A...." [i] has reported that two motor-boats put to sea on 25th December heading for the islands of OESSEL [ii] and DAGO [ii] with the object of bringing back to SWEDEN the "FOREST BROTHERS" [LENNYE BRAT'YA] [iii]

[2] groups unrecoverable

Comments: [i] A.... : Unidentified. This cover-name was repeated in a garbled form; it probably begins with or M.  
[ii] OESSEL and DAGO : Islands now known as SAARE MA and HIIG MA, which lie at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.  
[iii] FOREST BROTHERS : First occurrence. Many Estonians had fled SWEDEN during the war, particularly in 1941 and 1944, to escape from Soviet rule. Resistance and partisan movements were reported to be still operating in 1945 in the Baltic Soviet Republics. This cover-name could refer to refugees or members of resistance movements.

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